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Honorable Commissioners,

I would like offer my opposition to Petition RM-10740 which specifies bandwidth limitations for the Amateur Radio Service. I have read most of the comments submitted for and against this petition and agree with the reasons previously stated as to why this petition is unnecessary.

The stated goal of this petition is to reduce interference to other amateur stations. Bandwidth limitations may allow more operators to use a given piece of spectrum, but can not in itself, prevent interference due to inconsiderate operating.

Therefore, I believe that educating Amateur Radio Operators in the necessity of good operating practices is a much better way of reducing interference than bandwidth limitations.

I also believe that bandwidth limitations may go against a fundamental purpose for the existence of Amateur Radio as stated in the FCC Rule Book, Part 97.1b. This is the "ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art". Bandwidth limitations could stifle future experimentation on the HF bands.

The Collins line of amateur radio equipment has always had a tradition of excellent audio. The source of this superior audio is probably the result of the 3.1 KHz SSB filters they use. Restricting bandwidths to 2.8 KHz would prevent this and some other fine equipment from being used on the Amateur bands.

For these reasons and the reasons stated in previous comments I believe that RM-10740 is unnecessary and therefore should be DENIED.

Respectfully, Robert Blacka
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